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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have followed with interest the Microsoft and Department of Justice antitrust case. I am appalled that this case was ever brought against Microsoft. But at the same time, I am not surprised. Bill Gates, through Microsoft, has revolutionized the computer industry. I can remember when there was total incompatibility between the hardware boards, and computer software programs. It was terrible. Nothing worked. Bill Gates then came along. Microsoft worked consistently to increase computer board compatibility. Microsoft standardized computer software, increasing software compatibility. No wonder there is jealousy. No one else did this, or could do this. His competitors, seeking to rein the company in, brought suit against the company. The previous administration, with its own peculiar view of what constitutes a successful company, joined the parade.

Microsoft has more than done its share to end this lawsuit and accommodate the demands of the Justice Department. Microsoft has agreed to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software; Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows with the capability to make it easier for companies to install non-Microsoft software; Microsoft has agreed to a technical committee to monitor future adherence. This is more than fair.

I support this agreement and look forward to the end of this case. It is time to put this behind us.

Sincerely,



Bob Miller